Killings in Punjab

203. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden spurt in terrorist activities in Punjab during the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of persons killed by the terrorists in Punjab during the last six months, monthwise;

(d) what is the number of terrorists killed by the security forces in Punjab during the above period; and

(e) what further steps Government have taken to strengthen security measures in the terrorists-infested areas in Punjab and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) During the period August, 1988 to January 1989, 641 persons have been killed in incidents of terrorist violence in Punjab, Monthwise break-up is as follows:

August, 1988	104
September, 1988	97
October, 1988	112
November, 1988	137
December, 1988	86
January, 1989	105

172 terrorists have been killed in encounters with the security forces in the State during the above period.

The steps taken to curb terrorism in Punjab include erection of fence in the most vulnerable stretches of the border, strengthening of security forces and supply of modern weapons and equipments to them to detect intruders/border crossers, strict checking of passengers at the border, creation of additional police districts, conducting of raids on the hide-outs of terrorists to arrest them and their harbourers and to flush out illicit arms and ammunition, setting up of village protection force pickets and involvement of ex-servicemen and villagers in Village Protection Groups.

Fencing of Indo-Pak Border

204. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to fencing of Indo-Pak border in Punjab is progressing as per schedule; and

(b) if so, what are- the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The C.P.W.D, which is executing the work, has indicated that due to unprecedented rains and floods, due to which water did not recede up to mid-November 1988, in some areas, the work could not be completed according to schedule. It is now expected to be complete by March 31, 1989.

कपड़े के क्षेत्र में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में भारत की भागीदारी

205. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार कपड़े के क्षेत्र में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में अपनी भागीदारी को बढ़ाने के लिए प्रयास करती रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस दिशा में किए गए प्रयासों का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और उनके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय कपड़ा मेलों में छोटे कपड़ा निर्माताओं और विक्रेताओं को व्यापार में वृद्धि करने के लिए उन्हें विशेष सुविधाएं प्रदान करने पर विचार कर रही है और यदि हां, उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इन सुविधाओं को कब तक सुलभ करा दिया जाएगा; और

(घ) इस संबंध में सरकार की पूर्व नीति का ब्यौरा क्या है और वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य में उस नीति में किए गए संशोधनों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम): (क) और (ख) जी, हां । पिछले दिनों सरकार ने फैब्रिक निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए अनेक कदम उठाए हैं जिनमें शामिल हैं, वस्त्र मशीनों के आयात पर शुल्क की रियायत, चुनिन्दा वस्त्र मशीनरी मदों पर उत्पाद शुल्क में कटौती, अग्रिम लाइसेंस योजना के अन्तर्गत कच्चे माल के आयात की अनुमति, निर्यात लाभ पर आय कर के भुगतान में शतप्रतिशत छूट, बाजार अध्ययन प्रायोजित करने के लिए उदार सहायता की स्वीकृति क्रेता-विक्रेता बैठकें, विदेशी मेलों में सहभागिता आदि। इन उपायों के फलस्वरूप पिछले कुछ वर्षों में भारतीय फैब्रिक निर्यातों में वृद्धि की प्रवृत्ति देखने में आई है।

(ग) और (घ) सरकार निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए छोटे फैब्रिक निर्माताओं/व्यापारियों को भी उपर्युक्त रियायतें पहले से ही दे रही है जिनकी सरकार समय समय पर समीक्षा करती है।

Strategics adopted to increase Export Performance

206. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to. reach a level of export worth Rs. 20,000 crores, during the the current year.

(b) if so, the strategies adopted in this regard; and

(c) the extent of the successes achieved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The export target for the year 1988-89 has been fixed at Rs. 18795 crores. All efforts are being made not only to achieve the target but exceed it.

(b) The Government has initiated a series of measures to facilitate increased capacity for export production, to upgrade technology, to make the export sector more competitive through improved access to capital goods and raw materials at or near international prices and by providing fiscal and monetary incentives for exports. Simultaneously, a continuous dialogue is being maintained with the Export Promotion Councils and other export organisations including trading houses and export houses.

(c) According to the provisional figures, India's exports during April-December, 1988 amounted to Rs. 13926.68 crores as compared to Rs. 11197.41 crores during April-December, 1987, thereby showing an increase of 24.4 percent.

Demand for Creation of an autonomous Region in Assam

207. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any demand for the creation of an autonomous State comprising the two hill districts of Karbi Anglong and North cachar hills of Assam;

(b) whether the Central Government have requested the Assam Government to look into the developmental needs of the area: and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.